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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC FROM LA PAZ 06 NOV 73:

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SUBJ: ARA NARCOTICS CONFERENCE

FOR: AMBASSADOR HANDLEY

1. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH IF YOU WOULD GIVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING A SHORT VISIT TO BOLIVIA FOLLOWING THE NARCOTICS CONFERENCE IN BOGOTA FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING US YOUR GUIDANCE ON WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT PROCEED TO DEAL WITH PRESIDENT BANZER'S INTEREST IN HAVING A CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM FOR COCA GROWN HERE. YOUR PRESENCE WOULD DEMONSTRATE A HIGH LEVEL RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT BANZER'S INTEREST

EXPRESSED TO ME IN A RECENT CONVERSATION. I RECOGNIZE THAT YOUR SCHEDULE IS A HEAVY ONE AND THAT IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO PROGRAM THE ONWARD TRIP TO LA PAZ. I ALSO REALIZE THAT THE GROUND IS NOT YET WELL PREPARED FOR DETAILED CONVERSATION OF A PROJECT FOR CROP SUBSTITUTION. NONETHE-

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LESS, I WOULD CONSIDER IT A VERY POSITIVE STEP FOR THE USG

WERE YOU ABLE TO SPEND A FEW DAYS HERE IN LA PAZ.

2. IN THE EVENT THAT YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME, WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO GIVE SOME TIME TO DISCUSSING WITH OUR NARCOTICS COORDINATOR, FSO FRANK RAVNDAL, THE PROGRAM DEVELOPED IN TURKEY FOR CROP SUBSTITUTION? IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SUCH A THEME IS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA FOR THE PROGRAM, BUT I WOULD PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE ANY FIRSTHAND GUIDANCE YOU MIGHT PASS TO ME THROUGH FRANK RAVNDAL.

3. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO COME TO LA PAZ, I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO NOTIFY PRESIDENT BANZER SO THAT HE COULD SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH YOU. STEDMAN UNQUOTE RUSH

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